



NORWICH City Council

Committee Name: Twinning

Committee Date: 20/10/2022

Report Title: Twinning fund – financial position and update

Portfolio: Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources

Report from: Democratic and elections manager

Wards: All wards

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Purpose

To provide a financial update to the twinning committee

Recommendation:

- 1) To note the twinning fund financial position
- 2) To recommend to the executive director of corporate and commercial services:
 - a) The grant of £200 to each twinning associations in this financial year 2022-2023; and
 - b) The use of the twinning fund to cover costs of updating Twinning information Boards

Policy Framework

The Council has five corporate priorities, which are:

- People live independently and well in a diverse and safe city.
- Norwich is a sustainable and healthy city.
- Norwich has the infrastructure and housing it needs to be a successful city.
- The city has an inclusive economy in which residents have equal opportunity to flourish.
- Norwich City Council is in good shape to serve the city.

This report helps to meet the corporate priorities of Norwich City Council is in good shape to serve the city and people live independently and well in a diverse and safe city.

Report

1. The balance of the Twinning Fund in October 2022 was **£2639.90**. There were no transactions up to this date for the financial year.
2. The Twinning Fund will be allocated an additional **£2060** for the current financial year.
3. The twinning committee will need to consider how grant funding to the associations is taken forward this financial year 2022-23. The committee would need to recommend any future grants to the executive director of corporate and commercial services for approval.
4. In the financial year 2021-22, the twinning committee made the following recommendation for approval by the executive director of corporate and commercial services. This grant was given to cover the administration costs which had been incurred by the associations. ***Agree a £200 grant per twinning association on the proviso that the associations provide details on how the grant is used.***
5. The twinning committee may wish to recommend a similar grant for the current financial year 2022-23 for approval by the executive director of corporate and commercial services.
6. If recommended at this meeting, each twinning association is invited to submit details on how they would use this grant to the democratic and elections manager.
7. There have been no grant applications from twinning associations for specific events in the current financial year.
8. The twinning associations are encouraged to submit applications to the committee for consideration for any events planned.
9. Members of the committee are reminded that applications for grants for twinning related activities can be made by completing a form and contacting the democratic and elections manager.
10. Any grants recommended by the committee would need to be approved by the executive director of corporate and commercial services.
11. The democratic and elections manager would like the twinning committee to recommend using the twinning fund to purchase new twinning boards to be displayed in the civic corridor at City Hall. The cost for 5 new boards would be around £150.00.
12. If agreed the democratic and elections manager would ask for the twinning associations for photos and wording and then proceed with the design and print.

Consultation

13. There has been no consultation on this report.

Implications

Financial and Resources

Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the council's stated priorities, as set out in its Corporate Plan and Budget.

14. The report sets out the financial position of the twinning fund. Any grant applications will be considered within existing budgets.

Legal

15. There are no legal implications within this report.

Statutory Considerations

Consideration	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	None
Health, Social and Economic Impact	None
Crime and Disorder	None
Children and Adults Safeguarding	None
Environmental Impact	None

Reasons for the decision/recommendation

16. The twinning committee is invited to note the financial position to enable grant applications to be considered throughout the year.

Background papers: None

Appendices: None

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